

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Patricia Cooke on being the Louisiana Restaurant Association Education Foundation 2024 ProStart Educator of Excellence

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Patricia Cooke on being the Louisiana Restaurant Association Education
3 Foundation 2024 ProStart Educator of Excellence.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) Education Foundation has
5 selected Patricia Cooke as its 2024 ProStart Educator of Excellence; and

6 WHEREAS, ProStart is a two-year restaurant management and culinary arts
7 curriculum administered by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation in
8 all 50 states and Guam; ProStart is designed to attract young people to rewarding careers in
9 the restaurant industry; and

10 WHEREAS, the LRA Education Foundation administers ProStart in nearly 60 high
11 schools in Louisiana, with more than 2,000 juniors and seniors participating in this dynamic
12 course; and

13 WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke has inspired students in her ProStart classes for more
14 than twenty years at Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge; and

15 WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke's influence and guidance have resulted in many of her
16 students starting their own food service and catering businesses and being employed in many
17 Baton Rouge area restaurants and hotels; and

18 WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke also serves as a mentor to her peer ProStart educators
19 across Louisiana, sharing her knowledge and expertise to improve ProStart for all Louisiana
20 students; and

1 WHEREAS, to prepare her for her ProStart educator journey, Patricia Cooke spent
2 a decade in the restaurant industry as a kitchen and operations manager for Ryan's
3 Steakhouse and Applebee's; and

4 WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke attributes her restaurant experience to making the
5 transition from industry to the classroom more accessible, as her industry experience was
6 largely centered around staff training; and

7 WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke was recognized by the LRA Education Foundation on
8 March 6, 2024, at the annual "Serving the Future-Celebrating Careers in Hospitality" event
9 in New Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, Patricia Cooke will be considered for the NRA Educational
11 Foundation's National ProStart Educator of Excellence Award which will be presented on
12 April 27, 2024, in Baltimore, Maryland.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Patricia Cooke on being the Louisiana
15 Restaurant Association Education Foundation 2024 ProStart Educator of Excellence and
16 does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors.

DIGEST

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